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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RENEGOTIATION OF BERMUDA AGREEMENT

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING OF E/C MINISTER AND CAA WITH SHOVELTON AND ROGERS (DEPT. OF TRADE) JAN. 18 TO DISCUSS ECAC VIEWS NORTH ATLANTIC FARES FOR SUMMER '77 (SEPTEL), STATUS OF RENEGOTIATION WAS REVIEWED.

2. SHOVELTON STATED THAT THE MAJOR ISSUE IN RENEGOTIATION FROM THE UK POINT OF VIEW IS THE QUESTION OF CAPACITY CONTROL FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY NEED TO AGREE ON A BETTER WAY OF HANDLING INTERNATIONAL AIR FARES. HE SUGGESTED THAT, IF THE US WERE WILLING TO COME TO SOME AGREEMENT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF CAPACITY, NOT NECESSARILY THE NO. 7 APPROACH DESCRIBED IN UK RENEGOTIATION PAPER NO. 3, AND IN ADDITION WAS WILLING TO WORK WITH THE UK TO PRODUCE A MORE SATISFACTORY RATES ARTICLE, THEN THE SUBJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE US--FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS--COULD MORE EASILY BE RESOLVED. IN THIS REGARD, HE NOTED THAT AGREEMENT BY THE US TO DROP FROM A NEW AGREEMENT THOSE FIFTH FREEDOM ROUTES WHICH ARE NOT USED WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE UK AS A SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT TOWARD ITS POSITION.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT SHOVELTON WAS PROPOSING A TRADE-OFF OF US AGREEMENT TO SOME FORM OF CAPACITY MANAGEMENT AND AN IMPROVED RATE ARTICLE FOR AT LEAST A COMPROMISE ON FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC, IT APPEARED TO THE REPORTING OFFICERS THAT THAT WAS HIS INTENTION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE VALUE OF SUCH A

POSSIBLE TRADE-OFF AND PROBE THE BRITISH POSITION ON IT
AT THE NEXT RENEGOTIATION SESSION.

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